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PROGRAMMABLE MOBILE RADIOTELEPHONE TERMINAL

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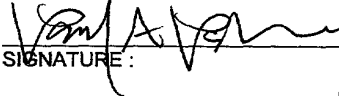
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Description

Programmable mobile phone terminal

5 The invention relates to a mobile phone terminal having a transmitter stage, a receiver stage and an antenna switch-over and adapter stage, which each have an arrangement of passive structural elements and can be programmed in, in each case, at least one
10 functional parameter. The invention also relates to a programmable mobile phone filter circuit and a programmable mobile phone RF block.

Mobile phone terminals are, as far as their telecommunications part is concerned, mobile phone
15 receiver and transmitter stations which operate in the microwave range. The use of operating frequencies near or in the gigahertz range (for example approximately 900 MHz in the GSM system and approximately 1800 MHz in the DCS system) causes complicated propagation
20 conditions to be decisive for their operation, the consequences of which conditions - in particular very severely fluctuating fading over time as a result of superimposition and multipath reception - make it necessary to take particular care when designing
25 equipment. Although the most important measures for dealing with the problems which are encountered on the propagation path (the so-called "air interface") are in the field of digital signal processing, the design of the RF components is, however, also highly significant
30 in terms of ensuring the necessary transmission quality.

In this context it is desirable to embody essential functional parameters of the RF sections in such a way that they can be adjusted very quickly over
35 a relatively large range in a way which is easy and adapted to the overall design of the mobile phone terminal. Comprehensive programmability of the RF

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sections is considered to be ideal, but the practical embodiment of the RF sections of mobile phone terminals is far removed from such programmability. It is currently restricted to the possibility of

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switching a function block on and off, controlling the output power or amplifying a block by means of changes in bias voltages or currents or the like.

In mobile phone devices according to the prior art there is practically no possibility of changing or programming the electronic components such as the RF blocks or filter circuits, for example. However, in order to provide so-called software-defined mobile phones or the like, the electronic or electrical components in the mobile phone must be as freely programmable as possible, and this programmability should also still be present after the final fabrication of the mobile phone device. Furthermore, because, as is known, components with small dimensions, high linearity and low power consumption are desirable in mobile phone applications, products which are based on a yig, pin-diode or varactor technology have corresponding disadvantages.

In particular, the filters and duplexers used in mobile phone devices should therefore have small dimensions, low power consumption, high linearity and furthermore be as freely programmable as possible.

The invention is based on the object of making possible a mobile phone terminal which is improved with respect to the aspect of the programmability of the essential functional parameters of the RF sections.

This object is achieved by means of features of the independent claims.

The invention includes the essential idea of providing a microswitch arrangement or microrelay arrangement in each of the RF transmitter stage, RF receiver stage and the antenna switch-over and adapter stage, that is to say the essential RF components, with which arrangement the

passive structural elements which are contained there and which determine specific functional parameters can be configured in a predetermined fashion from subelements.

5 Such microswitches or microrelays are known in various embodiments from US 5 619 061, in which their application for tuning a filter circuit or for antenna selectivity tuning is also mentioned.

10 An embodiment in which at least one of the aforesaid RF components also has micromotors for mechanically adjusting passive structural elements is preferred, the micromotors likewise having a control connection to a control unit by means of which the microswitches and microrelays are actuated. The
15 configuration of the structural elements, determining the characteristic values, of the respective RF component can be optimized further in terms of overall volume, power consumption, linearity and expenditure on actuation by means of the combined use of a microswitch
20 arrangement and of adjustment motors.

 In order to reduce the overall size and the manufacturing expenditure, it is advantageous to adopt an embodiment in which at least some of the microswitches and relays and, if they are additionally
25 provided, micromotors are integrated with the passive structural elements influenced by them on a common substrate. A ceramic substrate with a high dielectric constant is particularly suitable for this.

 The passive structural elements which are
30 subdivided into subelements form, together with the microswitches connecting the subelements, a topology which is expediently stored in a topology memory of the control unit. Furthermore, in one preferred embodiment, the control device comprises an algorithm memory for
35 storing a calculation algorithm for the functional parameter or parameters to be programmed, and a calculation stage for calculating the active topology

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which supplies a predetermined value of the respective functional parameter. By means of appropriate

comparator means it is possible to acquire a switching matrix directly from a comparison of the calculated active topology with the totality of the topology present, which switching matrix is then implemented by
5 transmitting appropriate switching control signals to the individual microswitches.

In one modified embodiment the control unit comprises a multirange configuration memory (in the manner of a so-called "lookup table") for storing a
10 multiplicity of microswitch switching matrices with the topology implemented in the RF section, in each case in an assignment to a value of a functional parameter or a values vector of a plurality of functional parameters, and a pointer stage for addressing the configuration
15 memory, which pointer stage responds to the inputting (programming) of such a value or values vector.

If micromotors are additionally present, both aforesaid ways of implementing the invention are possible with a somewhat increased expenditure on
20 memory, or memory and processing. The sections of the structural element arrangement which are influenced by micromotors are advantageously subdivided here into (virtual) subelements corresponding to the motor settings which can be implemented, and their structure
25 can thus be stored and handled in a fashion analogous to a structure of real subelements separated from one another by microswitches.

In particular, the frequency characteristic of the respective RF component is to be regarded as a
30 functional parameter which is to be set in discrete increments (by activating the microswitches and optionally micromotors). Capacitors and/or inductors and/or microstrip line sections or else resonators are provided as passive structural elements to be switched.
35 These all basically exhibit linear characteristics with the result that, in comparison with influencing the frequency characteristic by means of active structural

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elements such as varactors or transistors, there is no risk of any nonlinearities or

distortions. In addition, the electrostatically controlled microswitches do not have any power drain.

For the concrete setting process, a specific procedure is to be observed in order to protect the microswitches, and if appropriate micromotors or else other parts of the arrangement, against overcurrents and voltage peaks. To do this, the RF component which is to be adjusted and preferably the entire RF section are switched to an inactive state. Subsequently, the currently required microswitch configuration or the combination of microswitch configuration and micromotor actuation which is to be implemented can be determined in one of the ways sketched above. Finally, the predetermined switch configuration or combination of switch setting/motor actuation is implemented by means of the control unit, and last of all the RF components or the entire mobile phone terminal are changed into the active state again. A functionality (programming) of the control unit which implements the sequence automatically corresponds of course to the procedure described here.

According to a further aspect, a programmable RF block is provided for mobile phone applications. This programmable RF block has at least one active component and at least one mechanically tunable adapter network which has individually adjustable passive components and is connected to the active component. Furthermore, a programmable control unit is provided which sets the mechanically tunable adapter network in such a way that all the properties of the RF block relating to its signal response characteristic are predetermined.

Each adjustable passive component can be assigned an electric micromotor here, with the result that the programmable control unit can perform the adjustment of the mechanically tunable adapter network by actuating the micromotors.

The micromotors are activated here only during the period of adjustment of the mechanically tunable adapter network, whereas, outside the aforesaid period, the supply of electricity to the micromotors is
5 switched off by, for example, the programmable control unit in order to reduce the power consumption, which is important in particular in mobile phone applications.

According to a further aspect of the present invention, a programmable filter circuit is provided
10 for mobile phone applications, said filter circuit having a plurality of passive components whose characteristic values are each mechanically adjustable. These passive components are wired according to filter circuit topologies which are well known from the prior
15 art. Furthermore, electric micromotors are provided for mechanically adjusting the passive components. These electric micromotors are actuated by a programmable control unit in such a way that the filter circuit has a characteristic curve which is predetermined in its
20 entirety.

The control unit can be connected here to a memory in which setting values of the passive components or actuation values for the corresponding electric micromotors and/or characteristic curves of
25 the filter circuit are stored, for example in the form of a table.

Alternatively or in addition, the control unit itself the control unit itself can calculate the actuation values for the electric micromotors which are
30 to be transmitted in order to achieve a specific characteristic curve of the filter circuit.

At least some of the passive components can be capacitors which have a mechanically adjustable capacitance, the capacitors being constructed with a
35 high dielectric constant using a ceramic technology for the sake of small dimensions.

The capacitors can have, for example, rotatable or slidable metal plates which are moved by the electric micromotors in order to adjust their capacitance values mechanically.

5 Some of the passive components may be resonators, it being possible to change the position of a short-circuit conductor with respect to a grounding point by means of the corresponding electric micromotor in order to mechanically adjust the characteristic
10 values (tuning) of the resonators.

In order to save energy, the electric micromotors can be actuated in such a way that they are supplied with electric power only during the period in which a corresponding, assigned passive component is
15 being mechanically adjusted.

According to the present invention, a programmable duplexer is also provided for mobile phone applications which has a plurality of programmable filter circuits according to one of the preceding
20 claims, the programmable filter circuits being adjusted by the control unit in such a way that they have different frequency characteristic curves.

Advantages and expedient aspects of the invention are, for the rest, apparent from the
25 subclaims and the following description of preferred exemplary embodiments with reference to the figures, in which:

Fig. 1 shows a highly simplified functional block circuit diagram of a mobile phone terminal for
30 explaining the invention with reference to an embodiment,

Fig. 2a shows a basic circuit diagram of a resonator circuit such as is used in one of the filter modules or in the duplexer

of the mobile phone terminal according to Fig. 1,

Figures 2b to 2e show various ways of implementing the circuit according to Fig. 2a according to embodiments of the invention using microswitches or microrelays,

Figures 2f and 2g show modified embodiments of a tunable resonator circuit in which not only microrelays or microswitches but also micromotors are provided,

Fig. 3 shows a functional block circuit diagram of a control arrangement for tuning a filter stage of the mobile phone terminal according to Fig. 1,

Fig. 4 shows a sketch of the control system according to a further embodiment,

Figs 5a - 5c show schematic circuit diagrams of exemplary embodiments of the present invention in which tunable adapter networks are connected to an amplifier (Fig. 5a), a mixer (Fig. 5b) and an oscillator (Fig. 5c),

Fig. 6 shows a detailed view of a tunable adapter network according to the present invention,

Fig. 7a shows a schematic circuit diagram of a programmable filter circuit according to the invention,

Fig. 7b shows a duplexer which has two programmable filter circuits whose components are adjusted in such a way that the filter circuits

all have different frequency characteristic curves,

Fig. 8 shows an exemplary embodiment of the implementation of a filter circuit composed of capacitors and inductors/resonators whose characteristic values can be mechanically adjusted,

Fig. 9 shows a detail of Fig. 8 which is designated by a) in Fig. 2, Fig. 9 also illustrating the actuation in order to adjust the characteristic values of a capacitor,

Fig. 10 shows a detail from Fig. 8 which shows the plan view of a line resonator whose electrical properties are changed by a short-circuit slide which is designated by b) in Fig. 8, and

Fig. 11 shows a further exemplary embodiment for providing a capacitor whose capacitance value can be adjusted mechanically by a micromotor.

Fig. 1 shows a highly simplified basic sketch of a mobile phone terminal 1 which has a baseband block 3 which comprises, in particular, the low-frequency components and voice signal processing means, a receiver stage 5, a transmitter stage 7, a control section 9, a duplexer 11 and an antenna 13. Provided in the transmitter-end signal path is, in each case, a tunable transmit-signal filter stage 15a, 15b between the baseband block 3 and the transmitter stage 7, and between the latter and the duplexer 11, respectively, and in each case a tunable receive-signal filter stage 17a, 17b is provided in the receiver-end signal path between the duplexer 11 and the receiver stage 5, and between the latter and the baseband block 3, respectively.

In summary, the receiver stage 5 and the associated receive-signal filter stages 17a, 17b can also be referred to as a receiver stage in the broader sense, and the transmitter stage 7 together with the transmit-signal filter stages 15a, 15b can be referred to as a transmitter stage in the broader sense. In a somewhat different way of considering the components, the tunable filter stages 15b and 17a could also be apportioned to the duplexer 11, and this combined functional unit could be referred to as an antenna switch-over and adapter stage. Insofar as the baseband block has (means known per se) for source coding, channel coding and interleaving as well as burst formation at the transmitter end and corresponding deinterleaving, channel decoding and source decoding means at the receiver end, there is a close functional connection to the control section, which of course has means for controlling the functional sequences of the mobile phone terminal which conform to the respective mobile phone system standard. In the context of explaining the invention, the control functions of the control section 9 relating to the receiver stage 9, the transmitter stage 7 and the filter stages 15a, 15b and 17a, 17b are particularly important. For this reason, they will be explained in more detail below.

Fig. 2a shows a resonator arrangement composed of three capacitors C1, C2 and C3 which are connected in series, and two inductors 11, 12 which connect the line section between the capacitors C1, C2 and the section between the capacitors C2, C3 to ground. Such a resonator arrangement is implemented in the filter stages 15a, 15b, 17a and 17b and/or the receiver stage and the transmitter stage in the broader sense and/or the antenna switch-over and adapter stage.

Fig. 2b shows in sketch form that the inductors 11, 12 of the arrangement according to Fig. 2a each have a multiplicity of taps, which can each be connected to ground via one microswitch, in a

predetermined arrangement. The microswitches which are assigned to the inductor 11 are designated

by MS_i in the figure and are actuated individually by means of "control_i" control signals, while the microswitches assigned to the inductor l_2 are designated by MS_j and are actuated by means of "control_j" control signals. The microswitches $MS_{i,j}$ separate off -
5 depending on the switch setting - more or less large parts of the inductors 11, 12, with the result that the frequency characteristic of the resonator arrangement can be adjusted by means of their actuation.

10 A somewhat modified embodiment of this principle is shown in Fig. 2c, where the inductors 11, 12 are each divided into subinductors by a group of microrelays MR_i and MR_j , actuated by actuation signals "control_i" and "control_j". This circuit in which two
15 grounding capacitors C_4 , C_5 are also provided, constitutes an open circuit, while the embodiment according to Fig. 2b can be considered to be a short circuit.

Fig. 2d shows a star-shaped switch
20 configuration which can take the place of the serial switch arrangement according to Fig. 2b or 2c. Fig. 2e shows an arrangement which is modified with respect to Fig. 2b insofar as here not only the inductors 11, 12 but also the capacitors C_1 , C_2 and C_3 are divided into
25 substructural elements by means of microswitches and can be tuned by activating the switches. In accordance with the representation in Fig. 2b, the switches assigned to the capacitors C_1 to C_3 are designated by MS_k , MS_l and MS_m and the associated control signals are
30 correspondingly designated by "control_k", "control_l" and "control_m". The subinductors of 11 are designated here by l_{a1} , l_{b1} , ... and those of 12 are designated by l_{a2} , l_{b2} , ..., and in an analogous fashion the subcapacitors of the capacitors C_1 are designated by C_{a1} , C_{b1} , C_{c1} , ...,
35 those of the capacitor C_2 are designated by C_{a2} , C_{b2} , C_{c2} , ..., and those of the capacitor C_3 are designated by C_{a3} , C_{b3} , C_{c3} , This

figure shows particularly clearly that as a result of the subdivision of passive structural elements of a filter range or adaptation range into substructural elements by means of microswitches or microrelays

a topology is developed which comprises a large number of configurations which can be implemented by actuation of switches in specific ways.

Fig. 2f shows an embodiment which is modified with respect to Fig. 2c in such a way that the capacitance of the capacitor C1 can be changed by a micromotor MM_1 , actuated by a "control_k," control signal. Of course, the capacitors C2 and C3 can also be embodied so that they are adjustable by appropriately actuating a micromotor which is assigned to them.

In the arrangement according to Fig. 2g, the arrangement shown in Fig. 2e with capacitors C1, C2 and C3 subdivided into subcapacitors is modified with respect to the inductors in such a way that the latter each have a ground tap which can be displaced by means of a micromotor MM_1 or MM_2 . By analogy to Fig. 2e, the corresponding control signals have been designated here by "control_i," and "control_j,".

Fig. 3 shows, in the manner of a functional block circuit diagram, a sketch of the design of a tuning controller 90 (whose reference number has been based on the control section 9 from Fig. 1) for tuning a receive-signal filter stage 17a according to Fig. 1. The tuning controller 90 comprises a tuning sequence controller 90a which receives a signal which is supplied externally and which represents a requested frequency characteristic of the receive-signal filter stage 17a.

The tuning sequence controller 90a is connected to the receiver state 5 via an on/off switch 90b via which it firstly switches off the receiver stage 5 when the aforesaid signal, on the basis of which the receive-signal filter stage 17a is to be tuned, is received. The signal generated for the activation of the on/off switch is also fed via an inverter 90c to a switch-configuration calculation stage 90d and activates it, after which said switch-configuration calculation stage 90d

receives and buffers the abovementioned signal which specifies a frequency characteristic and is also applied to its output. By accessing a topology memory 90e, in which the specific filter topology of the receiver filter stage 17a is stored, said topology being formed from the passive structural elements or subelements and assigned microswitches or microrelays and, if appropriate, micromotors, and accessing an algorithm memory 90f in which a corresponding algorithm for determining the specific switch configuration on the basis of a predetermined frequency characteristic is stored, the switch-configuration calculation stage 90d calculates the actuation configuration of the microswitches or relays, and if appropriate micromotors, which is to be implemented on the basis of the requested frequency characteristic, and transmits said configuration to an actuation signal generator 90g. The latter generates - also by accessing the topology memory 90e - the actuation signals for each individual switch of the entire configuration from this and feeds them sequentially to the receive-signal filter stage 17a. The transmission of the last actuation signal is sensed by a program-end detector 90h which transmits a corresponding signal to the tuning sequence controller 90a, which then activates the on/off switch 90b in order to switch the receiver stage 5 on again, and deactivates the switch-configuration calculation stage 90d. (The functions described here will for the most part be implemented in practice using software so that the description given here using functional blocks is to be understood only as an illustration of the principle).

Fig. 4 shows in sketch form (in a somewhat different form of representation) an alternative embodiment of the control system. A control unit C comprises a configuration memory M in which a predetermined quantity of switch-setting configurations of a structural element/microswitch arrangement of a RF

section R/T of a mobile phone terminal is stored in an assignment to, in each case, one frequency characteristic from a predetermined set of frequency characteristics. An input signal line S of the
5 controller C is connected on the one hand to

an on/off switch Sw and on the other hand to a pointer stage P, which can itself address the configuration memory M.

When an instruction signal for setting a
5 predetermined frequency characteristic on the signal
line S is received, the RF section R/T is placed in a
default mode by means of the on/off switch Sw, and on
the other hand the pointer P for addressing the
configuration memory M is activated in accordance with
10 the requested frequency characteristic. The memory
contents are read out to the RF section and appropriate
setting of the microswitch arrangement is performed
there. After its termination, the RF section is
activated again - in accordance with the embodiment
15 according to Fig. 3.

The embodiment of the invention is not
restricted to the exemplary embodiments described here,
but is also possible in a large number of refinements.
In particular, resistors can also be subdivided as
20 passive structural elements by means of microswitches
or microrelays into subelements and in this way, in
particular, impedance adaptations can be performed. In
this context the use of microstrip lines is
particularly expedient for many applications. A
25 combination of microswitches with micromotors can also
be expedient with passive structural elements of the
same type in the same arrangement if it leads to a
reduction in the expenditure on manufacture and the
overall volume or the expenditure on actuation.

30 Fig. 5a shows the case in which individually
adjustable tuning networks 1, 2, 3 are connected in
parallel (see tuning network 2) or serially (see tuning
networks 1, 3) to an active component, which in this
case is an amplifier 4.

35 Fig. 5b shows the case in which three
individually adjustable tuning networks 1, 2, 3 are
connected to an active component 5, which in this case
is a mixer.

Fig. 5c shows the case in which three individually adjustable tuning networks 1, 2, 3 are connected to an active component 6 which is an oscillator 6.

5 Fig. 6 shows in detailed form the design of a tuning network 101, 102, 103 according to the present invention. The tuning network 101 which is illustrated as an exemplary embodiment has three capacitors 107, 108, 109 which are connected serially between an input
10 121 and an output 122 and whose capacitance value can be individually adjusted by mechanical means. Furthermore, two inductors or resonators 110, 111 are connected between the connecting point between the capacitor 107 and the capacitor 108 and between the
15 capacitor 108 and the capacitor 109 and ground.

The capacitance values of the capacitors 107, 108, 109 can be set, for example, by sliding or rotating a metal plate of the capacitors by means of a micromotor. The characteristic values of the resonators
20 or inductors 110, 111 can be set mechanically by displacing the grounding point.

Each of the adjustable passive components 107, 108, 109, 110, 111 is assigned an electric micromotor 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 which mechanically adjusts the
25 characteristic values of the corresponding components. The micromotors 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 are actuated in this case by a control unit 217. The control unit 117 senses the signal response characteristics on the one hand of each adapter network 101, 102, 103 in which the
30 signals which are present at the input 121 or the output 122 of each adapter network 101, 102, 103 are supplied to them at inputs 119, 120, and on the other hand the overall signal response characteristics of the RF block in which the control unit 117 is supplied with
35 all the signals which are present at the input 125 or the output 126 of the RF block. The control unit 117 can thus

set all the individual passive components 107, 108, 109, 110, 111 of each mechanically tunable adapter network by means of the electric micromotors 112, 113, 114, 115 and 116 as a function of the signal response characteristics of each adapter network and/or of the RF block.

As is also clear in Fig. 6, the corresponding programming of the control unit 117 can also be carried out online over an air interface 124 and an antenna 123. That is to say, for example, a mobile phone in which a RF block according to the present invention is installed can be programmed online from a base station over the air interface 124 and the antenna 123.

As is also clear in Fig. 6, a memory 118 is connected to the control unit 117. This memory can be, for example, a PROM. Setting values for the individual passive components 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, i.e. the corresponding actuation values for the respectively assigned micromotors 112, 113, 114, 115 and 116 can be permanently stored in this memory 118. Furthermore, it is possible to provide in the memory 118 a table which specifies which individual setting values are required for the passive components in order to obtain predetermined signal response characteristics of the individual adapter networks 101, 102, 103 or of the RF block in its entirety.

Alternatively, the programmable control unit 117 can itself calculate the setting values, necessary to obtain a specific signal response characteristic of the RF block, for the mechanically tunable adapter network or networks.

The present invention therefore ensures complete programmability of a RF block for mobile phone applications. This provides a number of advantages. Firstly, owing to the use of purely passive components in the adapter networks, i.e. of mechanically

tunable capacitors, coils and resonators, electrical power is consumed only during the actual setting period. As soon as the adapter network is set, the control unit 117 can, for example, switch off the electricity supply to the electric micromotors 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 in order to ensure that no electrical power whatsoever is consumed outside the aforesaid period. This is particularly important with battery-operated mobile phones.

By virtue of the fact that only passive components are used, there are fewer problems in terms of nonlinearity and distortion, in contrast to the case in which other active components such as, for example, varactors or transistors are used. Furthermore, the size of the circuit blocks can be kept small by using a compact layout and materials with a high dielectric constant. For example, components for this purpose can be constructed using a ceramic technology. This is in turn advantageous with mobile phones.

The method which is executed in order to set a programmable RF block according to the present invention will now be explained below. Firstly, the values of the mechanically adjustable capacitor, coil and/or resonator are selected by actuating a micromotor. The movement of the micromotor is controlled by means of software in the control unit 117. In this way, the adapter network is adapted specifically for the active component connected to it (transistor, diode, etc.) using a suitable combination of capacitors, coils and resonators. A suitable topology for the adapter network is selected for each circuit type. Finally, the signal response characteristics of each RF block in a mobile phone can be set and optimized by means of a calculation or an algorithm by changing the values of the adapter network components. The control data of the control

unit 117 can be stored in the memory 118 and, if appropriate, reused when a new setting is made at a later time.

It is to be noted that the adapter network shown in Fig. 6 illustrates only one exemplary embodiment, and an adapter network according to the present invention can be constructed generally, for example, only as a capacitor but also as a complex combination of a cascade-shaped connection of capacitors, coils and resonators.

As already mentioned, all of the RF block is set with respect to its signal characteristics. When this is done, in particular the following parameters may be taken into consideration:

- a) Operating frequency at which the circuit (RF block) is to be operated,
- b) Bandwidth,
- c) Output power and amplification,
- d) Noise characteristics of the RF block.

In a circuit with a permanently predefined adapter network, the circuit parameters are predefined and can no longer be changed. The overall power achieved is thus a compromise between the various parameters.

Different applications of the present invention for different active components will now be explained in brief below.

For all types of amplifiers, mixers and oscillators, the operating frequency can be set by tuning the adapter network. The RF block can thus cover a wide frequency range in which, for example, a tunable broadband power amplifier, broadband mixer, etc. is implemented.

In all types of amplifiers and mixers, a large bandwidth can be adjusted to a smaller one and vice versa by tuning the adapter network. An overall improvement in the selectivity of the circuit can thus
5 be obtained.

In all amplifiers with low noise it is possible to optimize a configuration to an optimum noise characteristic as a function of the strength of the input signal by tuning the adapter network, for example
10 by adjusting the corresponding amplification factor. This improves, for example, the intermodulation property of the circuit.

In power amplifiers it is possible to tune with respect to the desired amplitude of the output signal or the efficiency by adjusting the adapter network. It
15 is thus possible, for example, to prolong the service life of a battery of a mobile phone.

A programmable filter circuit according to the present invention will first be explained with
20 reference to Fig. 7a.

The filter circuit illustrated in Fig. 7a has an input 219 and an output 220. Adjustable capacitors 204 are connected in series between the input 219 and the output 220. The capacitors 204 here are each of the
25 type whose capacitance value can be mechanically adjusted. To do this, in each case an electric micromotor 208 is assigned to a capacitor 204 with an adjustable capacitance. Of course, an electric micromotor can also be mechanically connected to more
30 than one capacitor 204 in order to appropriately adjust the capacitance values of the capacitors connected to it.

In each case an inductor 205 or resonator is connected between the connection points between the
35 individual capacitors 204 and ground. These inductors 205 are

also mechanically adjustable, and to this, as in the case of the capacitors 204 in the illustrated exemplary embodiment, each electric micromotor 208 is assigned to one adjustable inductor 205 in each case. The filter circuit illustrated in Fig. 7a is, as is clear, a filter circuit with n stages.

The filter topology shown in Fig. 7a is the basis of the duplexer illustrated in Fig. 5b. The duplexer illustrated in Fig. 5b has, specifically, two filter circuits 202 and 203 which are connected to an antenna 206 by means of a common line from their input 219. The filter circuit 202 has n stages here and the filter circuit 203 m stages, $n = m$ being possible. In order to provide a frequency multiplex mode (FDD) for example, the filter circuit 202 can be adjusted with respect to the passive components 204, 205 which form it, in such a way that its operating frequency differs from that of the filter circuit 203.

The programmable filter circuits 201 and 202, 203 (shown in Figs 7a and 7b) are based on a bandpass filter technology. However, it is clear that the present invention can also be applied to all other known filter technologies, for example low-pass or high-pass filters and notch filters.

The detail shown in Fig. 8 includes two mechanically adjustable capacitors 204 in which in each case a metal disk 207 is rotated in order to adjust their capacitance.

Furthermore, Fig. 8 shows three inductors/resonators 5 whose effective length can be adjusted by displacing a short-circuit conductor 215 in order to change the corresponding characteristic values of the component.

Fig. 9 shows a detail from Fig. 8, which is designated in Fig. 8 by a). The mechanically adjustable capacitor 204 shown in Fig. 9 comprises essentially a metal plate 211, which is located above a dielectric 210 in a sandwich-like fashion and is in turn located above a printed circuit board (PCB) 209. The metal disk 211 of the capacitor 204 can be rotated by means of an electric micromotor 208 in order to mechanically change the capacitance of the capacitor 204.

The electric micromotor 208 is actuated here by a control unit 217. As is illustrated symbolically by arrows in Fig. 9, the control unit 217 can also adjust, by actuating a corresponding electric micromotor 208, a plurality of passive components, or all the passive components which are mechanically adjustable and which form the filter circuit 201 and 202, 203.

The control unit 217 carries out this adjustment of the individual components in such a way that the filter circuit has, in its entirety, a predetermined frequency characteristic curve between its input 219 and its output 220 and 220'. To do this, the control unit 217 is supplied, as information, with the signals which are present at the input 219 and at the output 220, 220' of the filter circuit, as is also indicated symbolically by arrows in Fig. 3. By means of the signals supplied from the input 219 and from the output 220, 220', the control unit 217 can acquire the frequency characteristic curve of the filter circuit and determine whether this actual frequency characteristic curve corresponds to a setpoint frequency characteristic curve.

As an alternative, the control unit 217 itself can calculate the actuation values for the electric micromotors 208 which are required to obtain a predetermined frequency characteristic curve. The frequency characteristic curve which is to be set can be stored in the control unit 217 itself or else also

transmitted online to the control unit 217, for example by means of an air interface in the case of a mobile telephone.

As is also illustrated in Fig. 9, a PROM memory 218 is provided with the control unit 217. In the PROM memory 218, setting values or actuation values for the electric micromotors 208 and, if appropriate, predetermined frequency characteristic curves for the filter circuit can all be stored permanently in the form of a table. The control unit 217 can thus access the table stored in the PROM 218 in order to obtain a predetermined frequency characteristic curve of the filter circuit.

Fig. 10 shows a detail from Fig. 8 which is designated by b) in Fig. 8. In the exemplary embodiment illustrated in Fig. 10, the passive component is a resonator 205. By mechanically displacing a short-circuit conductor 205, actuated by an electric micromotor 208 in terms of its position with respect to the ground line 212, the characteristic values of the resonator 205 can be adjusted by the actuation of the control unit 217.

Fig. 11 shows a further exemplary embodiment of a mechanically adjustable capacitor 204. In this case, a metal plate 215 is displaced with respect to the dielectric 216 in a plane perpendicular to the plane of the dielectric 216, this displacement being carried out by means of an electric micromotor 208 that is in turn actuated by the control unit 217.

Of course, commercially available, tunable capacitor components can also be used for the programmed adjustment of the capacitance values of capacitors, it being possible for the adjustment to be carried out mechanically with an electric micromotor.

As is clear from the description of exemplary embodiments above, purely passive switching components are used in the present invention so that, on the one hand, the power consumption can be kept low and, on the other hand, nonlinearity problems, such as occur, for example, with yig or varactor technology, are avoided. In the programmable filter circuit according to the invention, electrical power is consumed only if a micromotor carries out an adjustment of a passive component. It is to be noted that according to the prior art electrical power is consumed continuously with pin-diode technology. As already stated, a PCB filter duplexer according to the present invention can be constructed using a ceramic technology which has a high dielectric constant, which leads to a reduction in the component dimensions.

It is to be noted that according to the prior art one or more micromotors with mechanical transmission are constructed in a very small form and can be integrated into the dimensions of a mobile unit.

It is to be noted that any known circuit topology which has a filter function or duplexer function can be used as a basis for the present invention. On this basis, the characteristic values of the adjustable (programmable) capacitor, the inductor or of a resonator can be changed in the circuit topology by means of a micromotor which can be in turn actuated electrically by means of a control unit.

By means of a calculation or a suitable algorithm it is then possible to change the characteristic values, such as the capacitance or the resonance value, for example, in such a way that the desired filter characteristic curve or duplexer characteristic curve is obtained with a desired center frequency and bandwidth.

List of reference symbols

| | | |
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| | 1 | Mobile phone terminal |
| | 3 | Baseband block |
| 5 | 5 | Receiver stage |
| | 7 | Transmitter stage |
| | 9 | Control stage |
| | 11 | Duplexer |
| | 13 | Antenna |
| 10 | 15a, 15b | Transmit-signal filter stage |
| | 17a, 17b | Receive-signal filter stage |
| | C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5 | Capacitor |
| | 11, 12 | Inductor |
| | $MS_{i, j, k, l, m}$ | Microswitch |
| 15 | MM_1, MM_2 | Micromotor |
| | 90 | Tuning controller |
| | 90a | Tuning sequence controller |
| | 90b | On/off switch |
| | 90c | Inverter |
| 20 | 90d | Switch-configuration calculation stage |
| | 90f | Algorithm memory |
| | 90g | Actuation signal generator |
| | 90h | Program-end detector |
| 25 | C | Controller |
| | M | Configuration memory |
| | P | Pointer stage |
| | R/T | RF section |
| | S | Control signal line |
| 30 | Sw | On/off switch |
| | 101 | Adapter network |
| | 102 | Adapter network |
| | 103 | Adapter network |
| | 104 | Active component (amplifier) |
| 35 | 105 | Active component (mixer) |
| | 106 | Active component (oscillator) |
| | 107 | Capacitor |
| | 108 | Capacitor |

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| | 109 | Capacitor |
| | 110 | Inductor (coil) |
| | 111 | Inductor (coil) |
| | 112 | Micromotor |
| 5 | 113 | Micromotor |
| | 114 | Micromotor |
| | 115 | Micromotor |
| | 116 | Micromotor |
| | 117 | Control unit |
| 10 | 118 | Memory |
| | 119 | Input of the control unit |
| | 120 | Input of the control unit |
| | 121 | Input terminal of the adapter network |
| 15 | 122 | Output terminal of the adapter network |
| | 123 | Antenna |
| | 124 | Air interface |
| | 125 | Input of the control unit |
| 20 | 126 | Input of the control unit |
| | 201 | Programmable filter circuit |
| | 202, 203 | Programmable filter circuits of the duplexer |
| | 204 | Adjustable capacitor |
| 25 | 205 | Adjustable inductor/resonator |
| | 206 | Antenna |
| | 207 | Metal disk |
| | 208 | Electric micromotor |
| | 209 | Printed circuit board |
| 30 | 210 | Dielectric |
| | 211 | Metal disk |
| | 212 | Grounding potential |
| | 215 | Metal plate |
| | 216 | Dielectric |

Patent claims

1. A mobile phone terminal having
 - a transmitter stage (7, 15a, 15b),
 - 5 - a receiver stage (5, 17a, 17b),
 - an antenna switch-over and adapter stage (11),which each have an arrangement of passive structural elements, which arrangement is assigned a multiplicity of electrostatic-mechanical microswitches (MS_i - MS_m) or microrelays (MR_i , MR_j) and which can be programmed by actuating a predetermined configuration of the microswitches or microrelays in, in each case, at least one functional parameter, in particular the frequency characteristic, and
 - 15 - a programmable control unit (9; 90; C) for actuating the microswitch or microrelay configuration for setting predetermined values of the functional parameter or the functional parameters.
2. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in claim 20 1, characterized in that at least one of the transmitter stage (7, 15a, 15b), receiver stage (5, 17a, 17b) and antenna switch-over and adapter stage (11) has a multiplicity of micromotors for mechanically adjusting passive structural elements, the micromotors 25 (MM_1 , MM_2) having a control connection to the control unit.
3. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the control unit (90; C) has an on/off switch (90b; Sw) for the transmitter 30 stage and the receiver stage and is embodied in such a way that, in each case before an actuation signal is transmitted to the microswitch configuration or microrelay configuration, and optionally to a micromotor, a switch-off signal is transmitted to the 35 on/off switch in order to deactivate the transmitter stage and/or receiver stage (5; R/T).

4. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the control unit (90) has a program-end sensing unit (90h) which is connected to the on/off switch (90b) and transmits, after the termination of a program run for setting one or more functional parameters, a switch-on signal to the on/off switch in order to activate the transmitter and/or receiver stage (5).

5. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that at least some of the microswitches or microrelays are integrated with the respectively associated passive structural elements on one and the same substrate, in particular a substrate with a high dielectric constant.

6. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in one of claims 2 to 5, characterized in that at least some of the micromotors are integrated with the respectively associated passive structural elements on one and the same substrate, in particular a substrate with a high dielectric constant.

7. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the control unit (90) has

- a topology memory (90e) for storing the topology of the arrangement which determines the functional parameter or parameters and is composed of passive structural elements and microswitches or microrelays,

- an algorithm memory (90f) for storing a calculation algorithm for predetermined values of each functional parameter on the basis of topology elements, and

- a calculation stage (90d) for determining, on the basis of the stored calculation algorithm, the configuration microswitches or microrelays which are to be actuated in order to implement the predetermined value or the predetermined

values.

8. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the topology memory (90e) is designed to store the position and a topology equivalent corresponding to the possible actuator stages of each micromotor, and the calculation stage (90d) is designed to calculate the actuation signal for each micromotor, which signal is to be output in order to implement a predetermined value of the functional parameter.

9. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the control unit (C) has

- a configuration memory (M) which is embodied as a lookup table and has the purpose of storing a multiplicity of switched setting configurations of the microswitches or microrelays, in each case in an assignment to a value of a functional parameter or a values vector of a plurality of functional parameters, and

- a pointer stage (P) for addressing the configuration memory as a function of a programmable value or values vector.

10. The mobile phone terminal as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the configuration memory (M) is designed to store combined switch setting and motor actuation configurations of a structural element arrangement in which not only microswitches or microrelays but also micromotors are provided for adjusting passive structural elements.

11. A method for operating a mobile phone terminal as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that, in each case before an actuation signal is transmitted to the microswitch configuration or microrelay configuration and optionally to a micromotor,

the transmitter stage and/or receiver stage (5; R/T) is deactivated.

12. The method as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that, in each case after the termination of a program run for setting one or more functional parameters, the transmitter stage and/or receiver stage (5; R/T) is automatically reactivated.

13. A method for operating a mobile phone terminal as claimed in one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that the microswitches or microrelays which are to be actuated in order to implement the predetermined value or the predetermined values, and optionally micromotors, are determined in real time on the basis of a stored topology of the arrangement which determines the functional parameter or parameters and is composed of passive structural elements and microswitches or microrelays and a stored calculation algorithm for predetermined values of each functional parameter on the basis of topology elements.

14. A method for operating a mobile phone terminal as claimed in one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that the determination of the microswitches or microrelays which are to be actuated in order to implement a predetermined value or predetermined values of each functional parameter, and optionally micromotors, by addressing a memory location of a configuration memory (M), embodied as a lookup table, in order to store a multiplicity of switched setting configurations of the microswitches or microrelays and optionally micromotors, is performed in each case in an assignment to a value of a functional parameter or a values vector of a plurality of functional parameters by means of a pointer stage (P) as a function of a currently programmed value or values vector.

15. A programmable RF block for mobile phone applications, having

- an active component (104, 105, 106),
 - at least one mechanically tunable adapter network
- 5 (101, 102, 103) which has individually adjustable passive components (107, 108, 109, 110, 111) and is connected to the active component (104, 105, 106), and
- a programmable control unit (117) which sets the mechanically tunable adapter network (101, 102, 103) in
- 10 such a way that all the properties of the RF block relating to its signal response characteristic are predetermined.

16. The programmable RF block as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that each adjustable passive

15 component (107, 108, 109, 110, 111) is assigned an electric micromotor (112, 113, 114, 115, 116), and the programmable control unit (117) actuates the micromotors (112, 113, 114, 115, 116) in order to set the mechanically tunable adapter network (101, 102,

20 103).

17. The programmable RF block as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the micromotors (112, 113, 114, 115, 116) are activated only during the period of adjustment of the mechanically tunable adapter network

25 (101, 102, 103), and outside this period the supply of electricity to the micromotors (112, 113, 114, 115, 116) is switched off.

18. The programmable RF block as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a memory

30 (118) is connected to the programmable control unit (117) in which setting values for the mechanically tunable adapter network (101, 102, 103) and/or

predetermined properties of the RF block relating to its signal response characteristic are permanently stored.

19. The programmable RF block as claimed in claim 5 18, characterized in that a table which represents the setting values, necessary to achieve a specific signal response characteristic of the RF block, for the mechanically tunable adapter network (101, 102, 103) is created in the memory (118).

10 20. The programmable RF block as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the programmable control unit (117) sets the RF block with respect to its properties relating to the operating frequency, bandwidth, amplification power and/or noise 15 characteristics.

21. The programmable RF block as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the programmable control unit (117) itself calculates the setting values, necessary to achieve a specific signal 20 response characteristic of the RF block, for the mechanically tunable adapter network (101, 102, 103).

22. The programmable RF block as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the control unit (117) can be programmed over an air interface 25 (124).

23. A mobile phone, characterized

in that it can be programmed over an air interface (124) and has a RF block as claimed in one of claims 15 to 22.

24. A programmable filter circuit for mobile phone applications, having:

- a plurality of passive components (204, 205) whose characteristic values are each mechanically adjustable,
- electric micromotors (208) for mechanically adjusting the passive components (204, 205), and
- 10 - a programmable control unit (217) for actuating the electric micromotors (208) in such a way that the filter circuit (201, 202, 203) has a specific characteristic curve.

25. The filter circuit as claimed in claim 24, 15 characterized in that the control unit (217) is connected to a memory (218) in which setting values of the passive components (204, 205) or actuation values for the corresponding electric micromotors (208) and/or characteristic curves of the filter circuit (201, 202, 203) are stored.

26. The filter circuit as claimed in one of claims 24 or 25, characterized in that the control unit (217) itself calculates the actuation values for the electric micromotors (208) which are to be transmitted in order 25 to achieve a specific characteristic curve of the filter circuit (201, 202, 203).

27. The filter circuit as claimed in one of claims 24 to 26, characterized in that some of the passive components are capacitors (204, 204') which have a 30 mechanically adjustable capacitance and which are constructed with a high dielectric constant using a ceramic technology.

28. The filter circuit as claimed in claim 27, characterized in that the capacitors (204, 204') have rotatable or slidable metal plates (211).

29. The filter circuit as claimed in one of claims 5 24 to 28, characterized in that some of the passive components are resonators (205), it being possible to change the position of a short-circuit conductor (215) with respect to a grounding point (212) by means of the corresponding electric micromotor (208) in order to 10 mechanically adjust the characteristic values of the resonators (205).

30. The filter circuit as claimed in one of claims 24 to 29, characterized in that the electric micromotors (208) are electrically supplied with power 15 only during the period in which a corresponding passive component (204, 205) is being mechanically adjusted.

31. A programmable duplexer for mobile phone applications, having a plurality of programmable filter circuits as claimed in one of claims 24 to 30.

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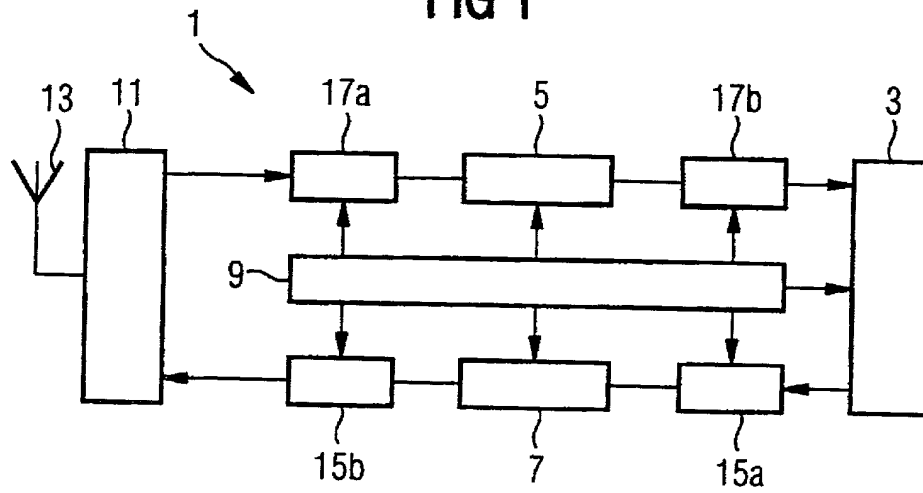


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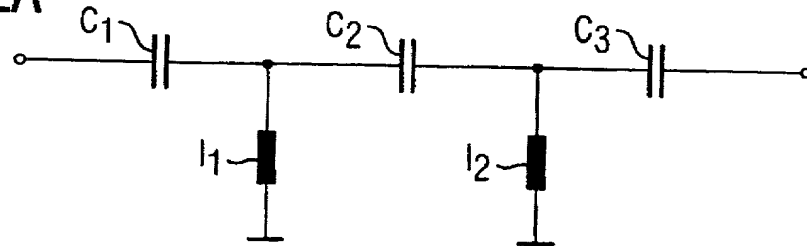
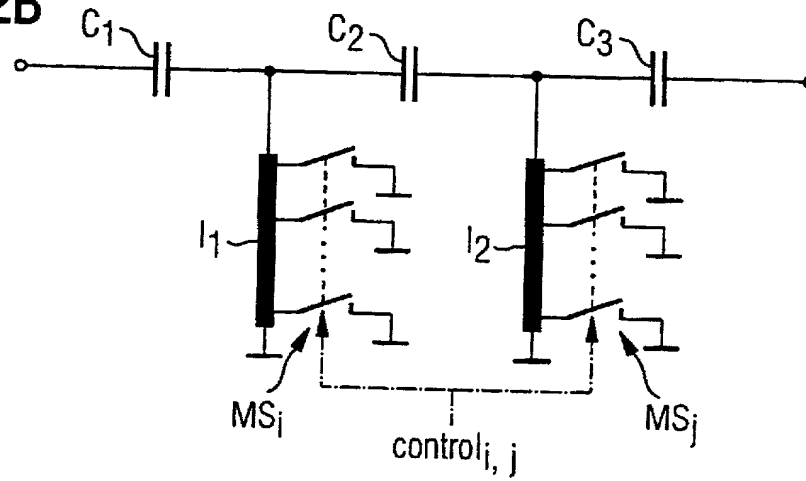


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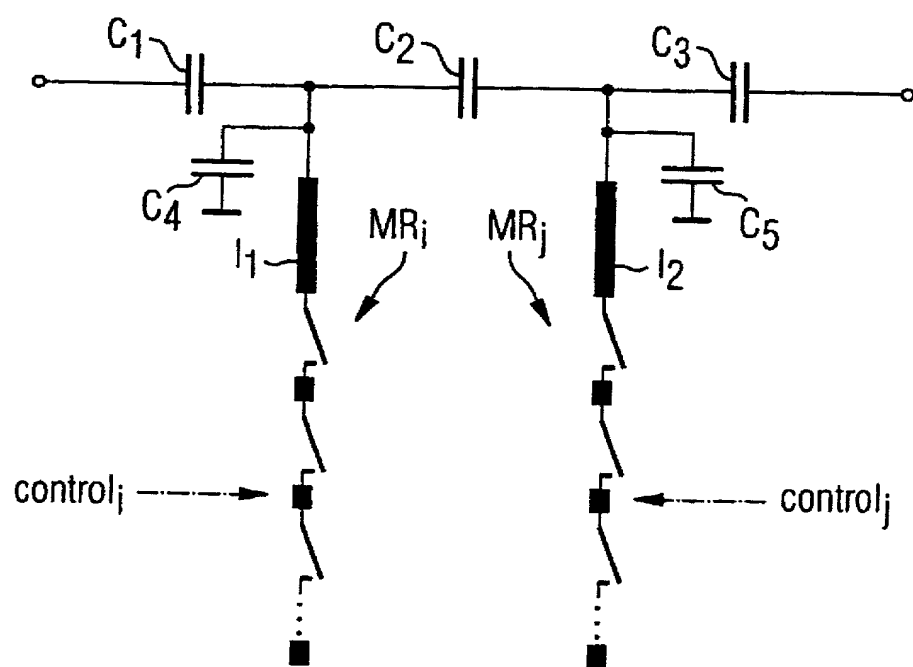
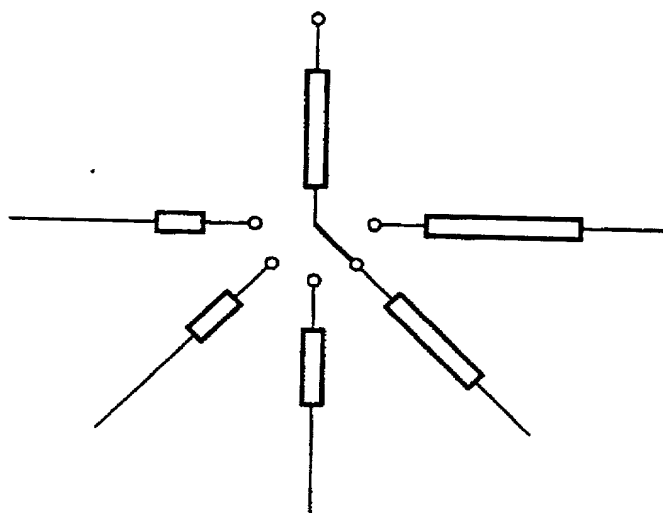


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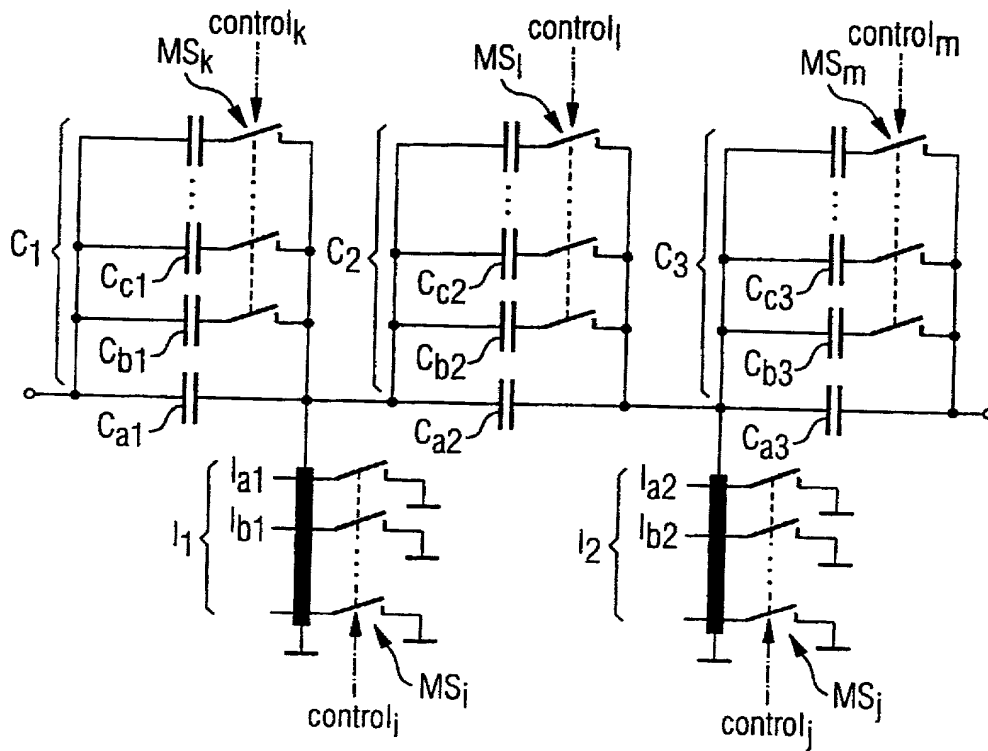


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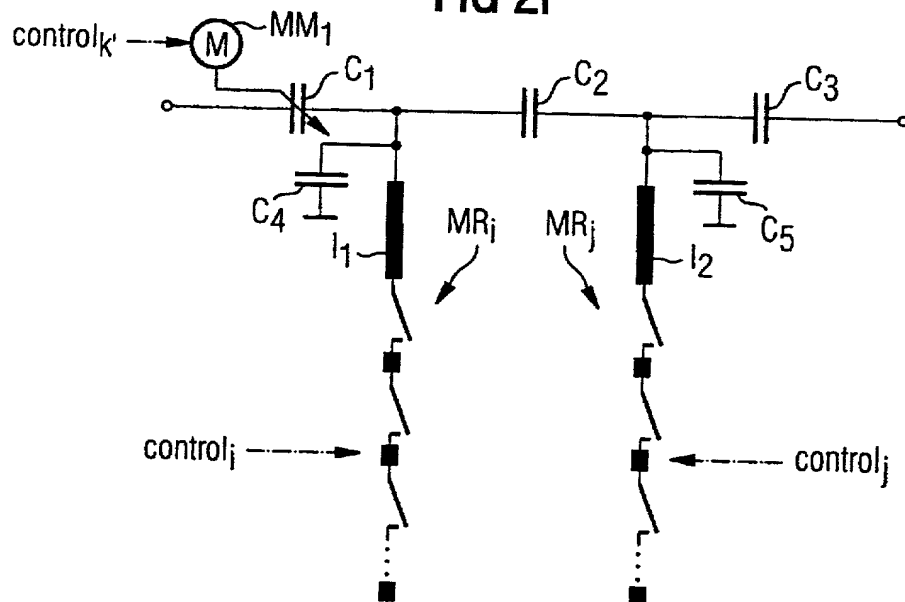
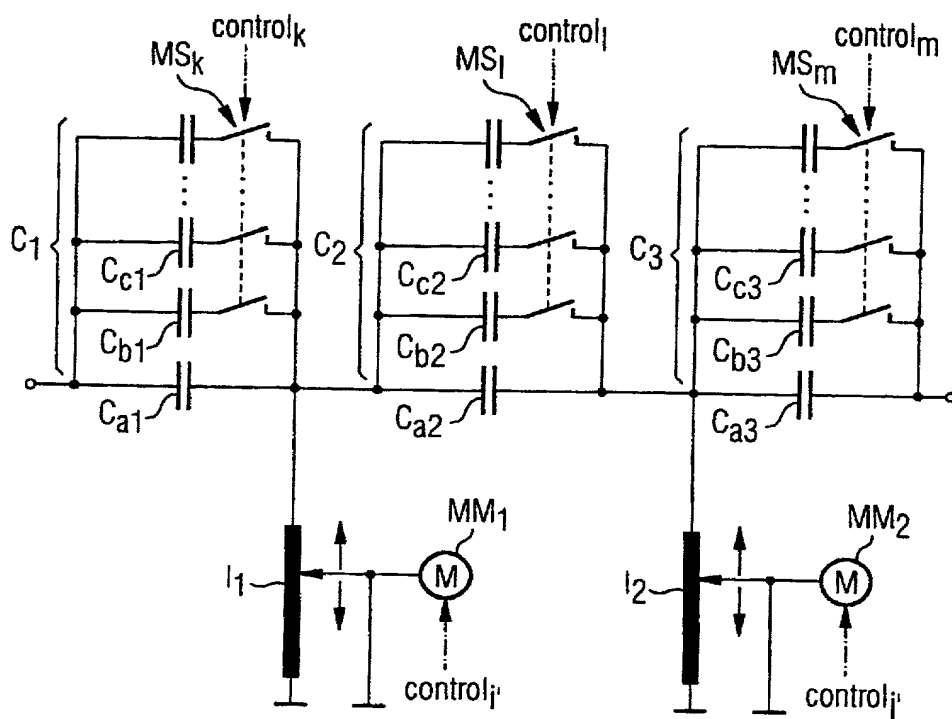


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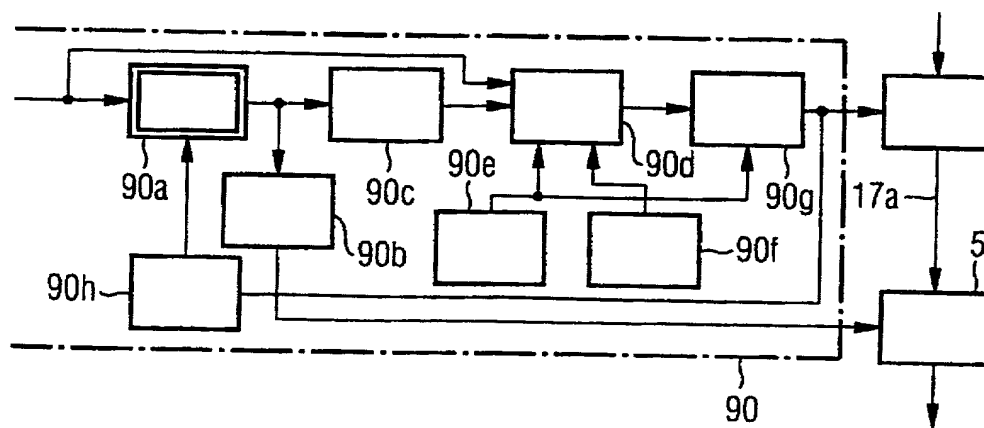
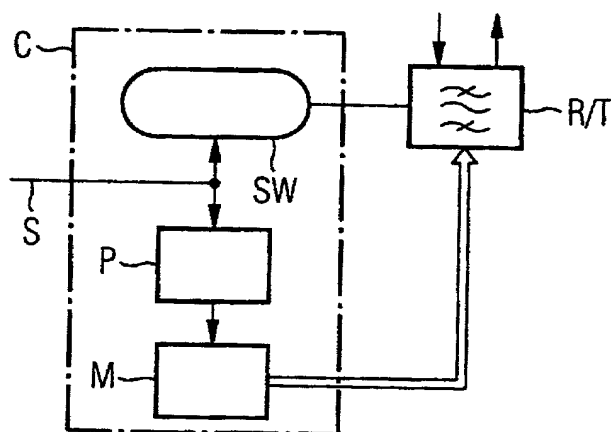


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FIG 5A

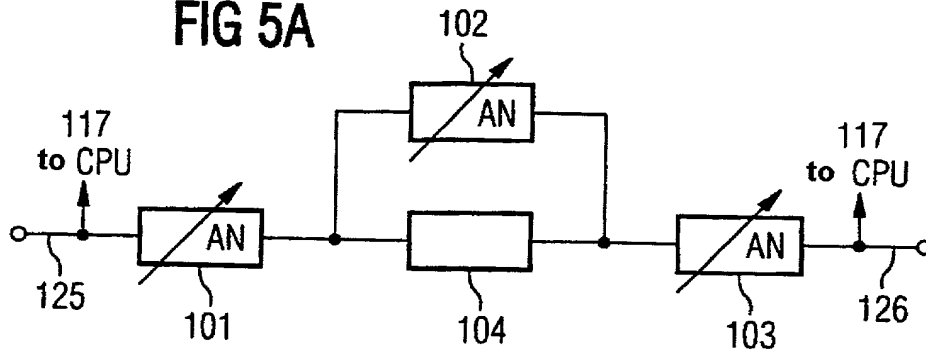


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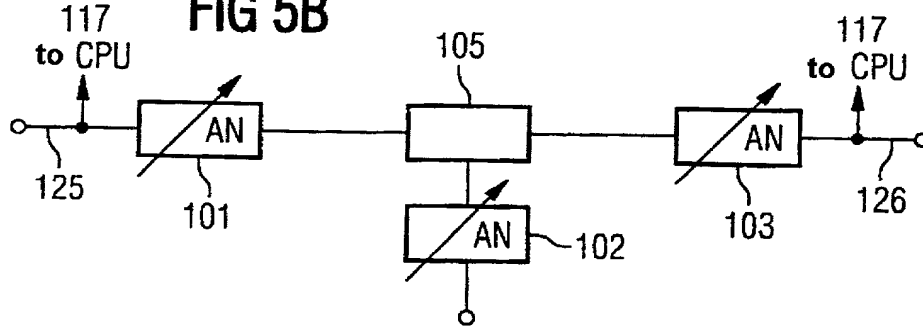


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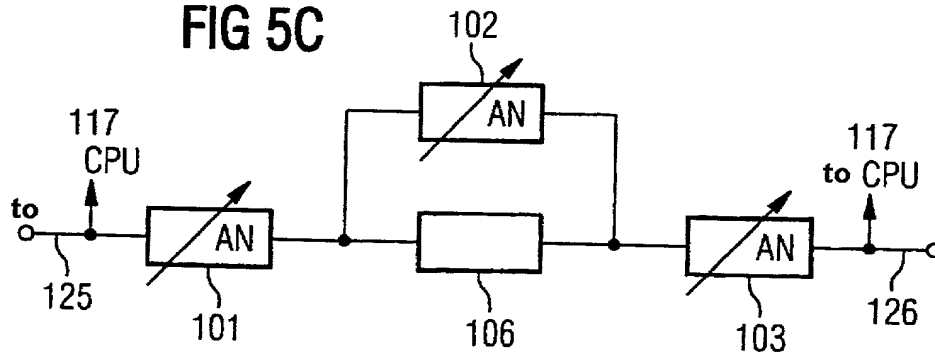


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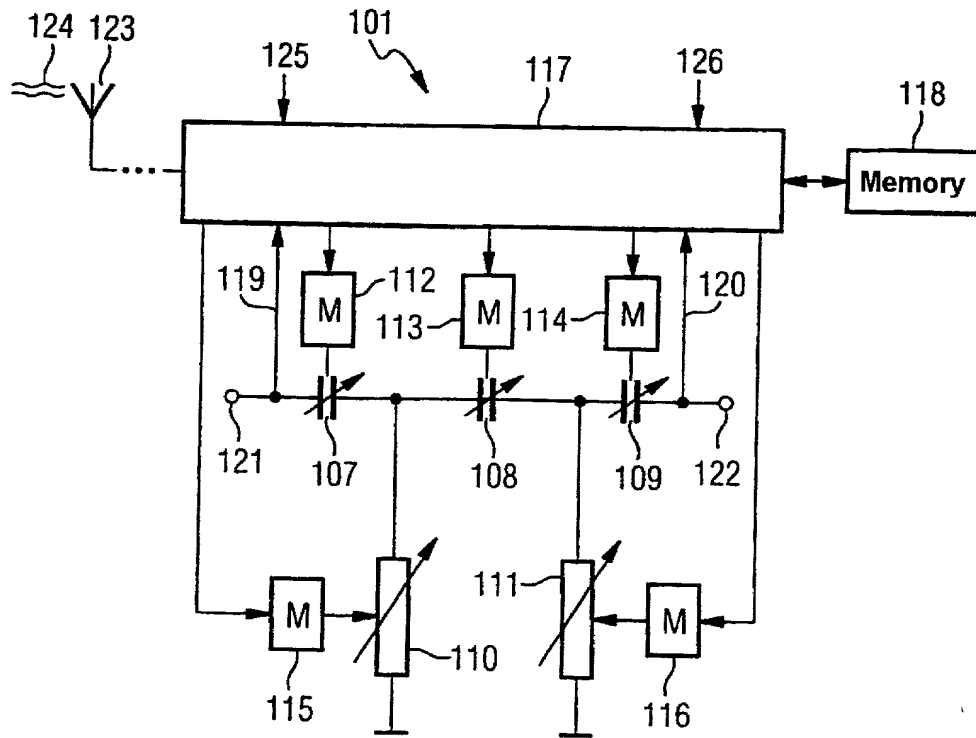


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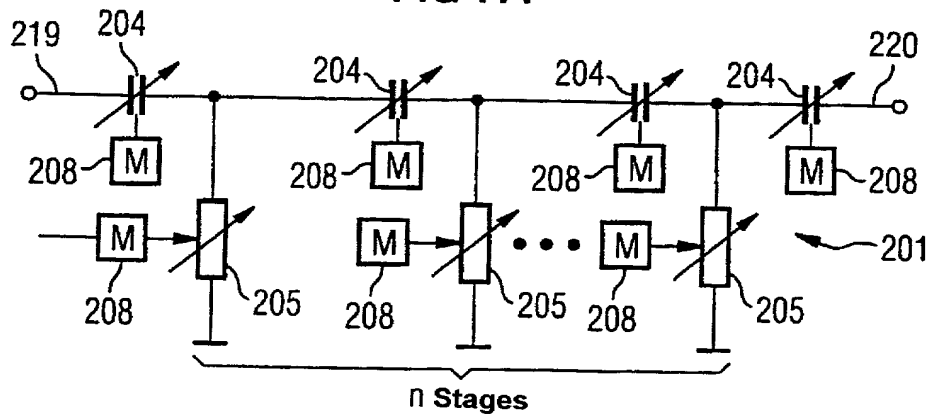


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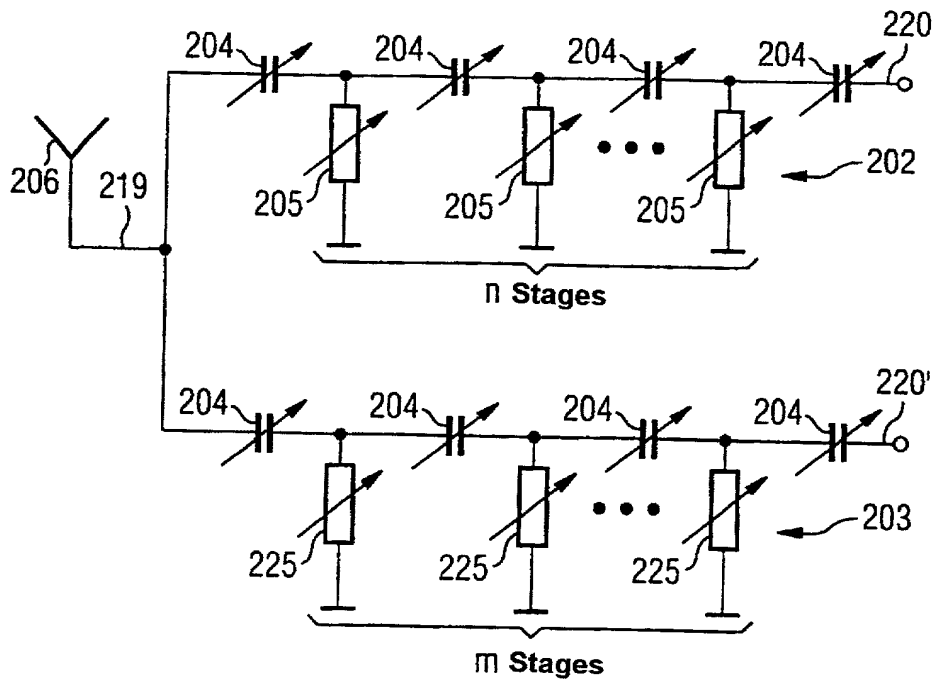


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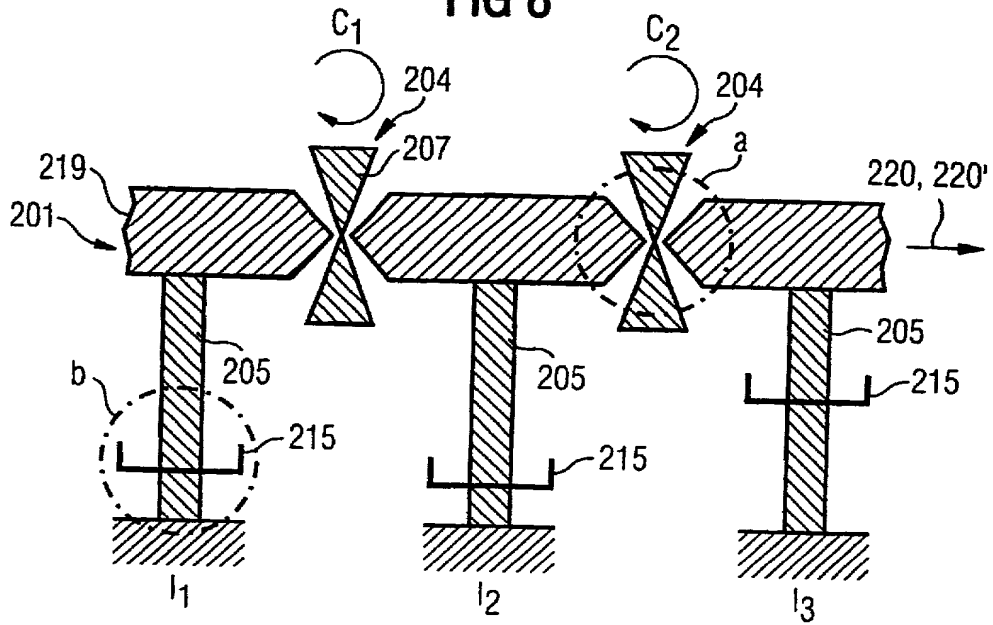
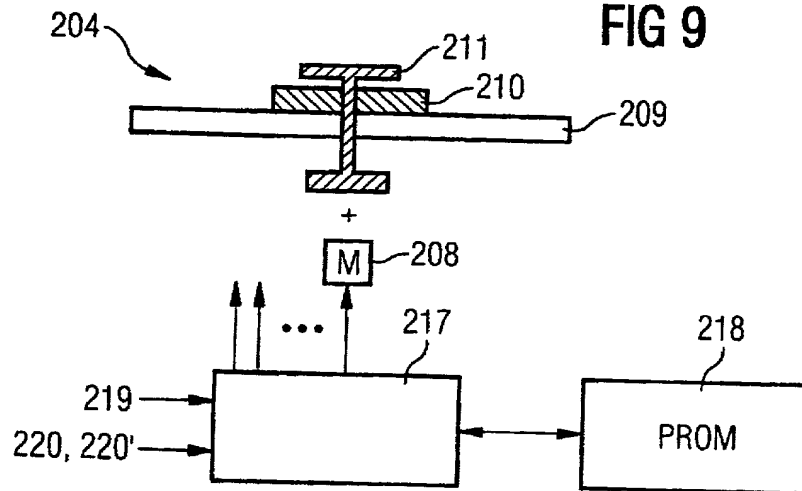


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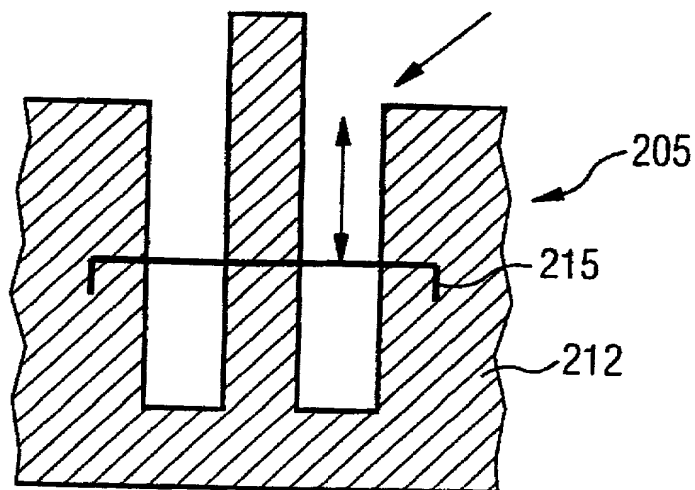
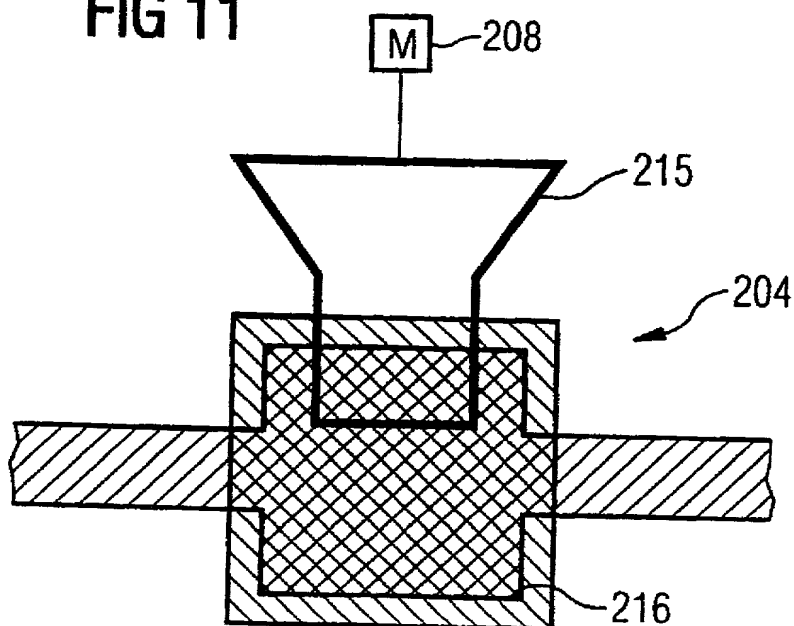


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